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To-morrow will be Christmas Day. Being Sunday, its celebration on that day will be largely confined to the churches and other religious bodies. Its celebration as a holiday will be observed to-day and Monday throughout the Christian world, though let us hope that the real spirit of the anniversary of the Nativity and its significance will not be lost sight of in the festivities of either day, the deeds of charity, the family reunions, the merry Christmas feasts and sports. The first Christmas Day was the beginning of the era of the regeneration of the world, of a new civilization, of the dawn of the Great Light which has shed its rays over nations and driven the darkness before it.

Whatever the ideas of men may be as to the great plan, whether whatever view they may hold is true or not true concerning this ending of the night, certain it is, undeniably it is true, that the world is better for that first Christmas Day and all the Christmas Days that have followed it in the nearly two thousand years of the era. Without it we would still be in the darkness of the past. Aside from every other consideration, the people of the civilized portion of the world owe their condition to-day to the influence of the spread of the Light which was created on that occasion, and which has conquered everything before it—ignorance, wickedness, superstition, savagery, and proved the hope of the ages that was past.

In America this Christmas Day comes at a time when the Nation is rejoicing in the spirit born of this Great Light, over a victory in behalf of civilization, for humanity, for the transformation of conditions of abject slavery, of ignorance and of misery among people on two hemispheres to a condition of that freedom and enlightenment based on the great principles of Christian civilization, which, from the day of the Nativity, the first Christmas Day, have led the march in the world's advancement.

Throughout this land this year, when is celebrated the birth of the Prince of Peace, the occasion when the doctrine of peace on earth, good will to men was proclaimed, the people will regard the observance with better appreciation of its spirit than usual. Not only are they at peace with all the world, and recognize their obligation to the Hand of God for what the country has wrought, but national unity is an accepted fact as it never has before, since the time when men forgot and the Nation was torn with civil strife.

As we look over the past, survey the present, and gaze into the future, and contemplate the great work before us in the spread of Christian civilization and peace and humanity, as a Nation we may unite with the poet Whittier in his beautiful Nativity Song, which, though written years ago, is so appropriate and significant on this Christmas Day of 1898 in his native land:

Sounds over all waters, reach out from the shores of voices, the clashing of hands,
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,
Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born.
With glad jubilation,
Bring hallelujahs to the nations!
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun.
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!

*Sing the bridal of nations! With chorals of love
Sing out the war vulture and sing in the dove,
Till the hearts of the peoples keep time in accord,
And the voice of the world is the voice of the Lord!
Clasp hands of the nations
In strong congratulations:
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun.
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!

Senator Camden Outspoken.

Ex-Senator Camden in another column of the Intelligencer gives expression to his views on the legislative situation which are not only creditable to his own record as a fair and honest man in politics, as well as business, but which reflect the sentiments of many other prominent men in the Democratic party who are not in the toils of the rule or ruin Democratic machine. After emphatically disavowing his intention of being a candidate, or ever having entertained the thought of being one, he honestly proclaims his belief that the legislature will be Republican on joint ballot, and as a natural sequence a Republican will be chosen to succeed Senator Faulkner. His passing comment that the only chance of Democratic success lie in the possibility of dissension in the ranks of the followers of the various Republican candidates is not only at all alarming, and should be of very little comfort to the Democracy.

That Senator Camden has given such free expression to his honest convictions it cannot be a violent presumption to expect to hear from other distinguished members of this party who have similar convictions.

Closing of the Century.
Just beyond the year which opens up one week from to-morrow, comes the golden dawn of the twentieth century. The year which begins will end a century, the history of which will chronicle the story of the greatest advancement and progress the world has made in all time. These advancements are in science, invention, general enlightenment, the opening up of the Orient to the outside world; the wonderful development of commerce and wealth, the railroad, telegraph, the electric light and power, the mighty steamships, the invasion of darkest Africa by the light of civilization, the free schools, the wiping out of human slavery in many countries, the establishment of republics where monarchies were, the development of two continents, the greater part of which were tremendous forests and plains, peopled by savages, into great nations.

One of these nations is a mighty power, founded upon advanced principles of human liberty and shedding its light around the world—the light of American civilization—developed from a new born republic, with a population of less than four millions, into a great nation extending between two oceans and containing splendid cities and a population of 75,000,000, enjoying free institutions, great in their accomplishment and powerful in their influence on the commerce and trade of the world, their flag floating on every sea and over territory on both sides of the globe.

These and thousands of other momentous events have occurred in the century just closing. What of the next? Advancements in one hundred years were greater than those of a thousand previous years. What is in store for the twentieth century? Could the fathers living at the beginning of this dying century awake now from their sleep and gaze upon the world as it now is, both in the eastern and western hemispheres, and view the great things that have been wrought by human genius and the advancement into all parts of the world of civilization, the great things by their undreamed of, what would be their thoughts? What would be our at the end of the next century if advancements along the same lines are as great as those of the present now expiring era? Are there greater things in store?

Will the mind of man do more wonderful things? Undoubtedly, and some of us will live to see a great many of them.

Christmas Charity.
Some Christmas virtues should be remembered on this Christmas occasion. "Faith, Hope and Charity, these three, but the greatest of these is Charity." Faith and hope are great sources of personal comfort and happiness, but in charity we find a combination of happiness, comfort and the consciousness of having inspired faith and hope and happiness in others. There are several kinds of charity, all of them appropriate to Christmas Day. There is the charity which means love, good will and universal benevolence; there is charity which means liberality and generosity in the judgment of men and their actions; and there is charity which means liberality and mercy to the poor and the suffering.

Wheeling is fairly prosperous, and so are about all the communities in which the Intelligencer circulates. But the poor are with us always. It seems that it was designed to be so until the world learns to solve the great problem that the fact presents for solution. There are two days observed in America when the minds of the people, and when charity knocks at the door of every heart. They are Christmas and Thanksgiving.

How often that knock is responded to cannot be told, but there are thousands of responses. Those who are blessed with the greatest prosperity, who have seen more fortunate days than many of their neighbors and friends, are not all selfish in their enjoyment of the day which custom has made an occasion for giving, not alone of presents, but of charity. In homes where there is no Christmas cheer many a bright angel appears, but we fear there are fewer of these earthly angels than there are objects for them to visit.

It is said to think about it, but there is comfort in the thought that all are not neglected. Charity is abroad in the land in all her beauty and is doing the best she can. One way to help her along in her noble Christmas work is to be angels of charity ourselves, if it is but in a small way, according to the means at hand.

There appears to be something wrong with the "lightning calculators" of the west. Hobson indignantly denies that he kissed the number of girls the papers have credited him with—says he only chaste saluted a dozen on his entire trip, and they were innocent school girls. Now if Hobson had been a defeated Democratic candidate for the legislature in West Virginia his recourse would have been to demand a "recount." As the case stands, however, we see no hope for him. He must grin and bear the "wings and arrows of outraged fortune."

High water is one of the great blessings which come to help along commerce in this great, wealthy valley, but in times even high water is over-generous in the disposition of its charities.

The Intelligencer wishes a merry Christmas to its numerous friends and patrons.

STATE PRESS GLEANINGS.

From the tone of the Democratic press of this state we infer that in Democratic eyes it is a heinous crime for some Republicans to meet in Washington and dare to talk of West Virginia political matters. Especially is the outrage, for they claim that the right to speak of holly, white deep red Jacqueminot roses form the ladies' corsage bouquets. White and green, or white and gold china is pretty upon a table thus and, although any dishes may be served that will not contrast unfavorably with the red and green decorations.

DEVIOUS DEFINITIONS.
Sunset—The only original wild-west shot.
Divorce—Merely the correction of a mis-take.
Love—A phoenix which arises from the ashes of pity.
Jealousy—Often but the synonym for insane self-love.
Witness—One who forgets only what he is told to remember.
Hiccup—The kind beginning with a hic and ending with a cough.
Dangerous—The end of the rattlesnake that is farthest from the noose.
Pride—A feeling that prevents the humiliation of having a favor refused.
Expert—A man able to explain things so thoroughly that nobody can understand them.
Dr.—An abbreviation with a double meaning, it is the relation between the patient and his physician.—Chicago Daily News.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.
No girl over twenty can give any good excuse for falling in love.
No woman ever made home happy for her husband and kept a parrot.
Life to a woman is a series of shocks; to a man it is a series of shocks.
Probably it never had occurred to the king that Daniel might eat the lions.
During the first five years of his married life a man works hardest keeping things away from his wife. During the next five years his wife works hardest keeping things away from the neighbors.—New York Press.

Christmas eve Games.
Christmas eve is the children's festival and this year, if ever, it should be a merry one, for hosts of new and lively games have been invented by clever people for the young folks' edification.

The Christmas tree may usher in the merry-making or be reserved for the grand finale, but there is always a calm, sooner or later, when "What shall we do next?" is the important question which demands an answer.

"Games," everyone cries in concert, and games it is for a merry hour or two. One that will be played this year, will much laughter and many shouts of merriment, is "Pillow-dex."

In the first place it is great sport to blow up the little rubber pillows or balloons.

One balloon is all that is necessary for the game, although two or three are kept in readiness in case of an accident to the one in play. Any number can play pillow-dex, and it is a game in which the old as well as the young are interested.

Where no preparation is made for playing games, impromptu ones are in order, and one of these is the game of "Historical Pictures." It is a game giving a little artistic touch, and is very popular. Each member of the company is supplied with a sheet of paper.

His plan of procedure is this: Four couples who are blindfolded attempt to go correctly through the figures of a quadrille. In the meantime, they must keep faith in their own ability to out-of-the-way corners of the room and fall over furniture. In a condition at once helpless and ridiculous. For example, in the last figure, they are obliged to perform it gracefully and properly, but, oh, dear no! for they are scattered about the room in various places. The same grotesque antics form part of every measure after the dance. Their attempts to look dignified are futile and the performance is often concluded in some obscure corner of the drawing-room, amid shouts of merriment from the on-lookers.

A Song of Christmas.
Twine the bitter-sweet and holly
Arched above the hearthstone's glow,
Joy, not merriment, is the theme,
Came, inditing with the snow:
In each face the frost is laid,
And the heart is full of gladness,
Comes the sleigh-bell's rhythmic jingle,
Through December journeying.

Set the board, and ask the blessing
For the feast that's laid out,
In the simplest words expressing
What a loving Father said—
"When the snows with us abide,
And the winter air is clearest
In the hush of Christmas tide."

Bring the old musician's fiddle,
Rejoice of bygone days,
Send the fairest down the middle
While the lute music plays.
Light of foot and quick of tongue,
Swing the dancers, to and fro,
As they pass or follow after,
In the quiet of the room.

Make a welcome for the stranger,
By the memory of the manger,
And the Christ that came to you;
Gather round the Christmas tree,
As He gathered them long since,
In the manger's stable where you
Will their radiant divine.

Deck the tree and light the candles,
For the stockings all be hung,
For a saint with furry sandals
Has his house here high and swung;
And his reindeer steeds are prancing
Through the star-spangled night,
In the merry Christmas time,
—Woman's Home Companion.

WHY?
Why isn't a wrinkle a neck of tie?
Why isn't a pony of brandy a fiery steed?
Why are beads of perspiration the jewels of toil?
Why does the walking delegate usually ride in a parlor car?
Why does a man like to be mistaken for more than he really is?
Why does a lawsuit invariably wear out at the pockets first?
Why shouldn't a wheel-horror come under the head of garden truck?
Why are the affairs of other people always so interesting to most people?
Why isn't it superfluous to pick up pins when the cat is howling all night?
Why would the average man rather be charged with malice than with making a blunder?
Why does the man who reiterates with emphasis that he will never do anything more, do it if you give him time enough?—Chicago Daily News.

For the Christmas Table.
The chief characteristics of a Christmas dinner table should be brightness and glowing color. On this account, table decorations in which red and green are skillfully combined are very effective for the festive dinner.

The cloth may be of white satin damask. The centerpiece is a round of white satin embroidered in a design of holly leaves and berries. On this centerpiece, place a holly bowl of holly with its glossy green leaves and scarlet berries.

From beneath this holly bowl, members of the household may ribbon to the four corners of the table. At each

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PASSING PLEASANTRIES.
Jigley—Ah, there comes our minister. He's the most unreasonable man I ever saw.
"Yes, my mother-in-law got so dictating when the family should be putting their hands on."
"Did you put yours on?"
"No—that's it. I had them on, and when she got so arbitrary I went and took them off."—Puck.

Applied Proverb—The Sultan was perplexed. "In-el-Yusuf," said he to his confidential and most confidential adviser, "the Bashaw of Hul-a-Baloo are each offering me the other's head as a precious gift. What shall I do?"
"There is a proverb among the Christian dogs," said the adviser, "that two heads are better than one."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"What a bad cold you, have, Benedict?"
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At all grocers in 2-lb. pkgs. only